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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with General Clifton

1. On 9 January I delivered to General Clifton two copies of the experimental "President's Intelligence Review" covering the period 4-9 January. He had no major comments on its content, and expressed his satisfaction with it. He said he planned to try it on the President this afternoon, and, failing that "to have it left on his bed tonight."
2. I told him we regarded this as an experiment, that the DCI had not yet seen it, and that the DCI had requested Messrs. Cline and Smith to meet with him on the Checklist today.
3. General Clifton said he thought the review idea was the best solution to the problem. He had discussed it with Mr. Bundy, and they had agreed that the President would not accept a daily intelligence briefing. His instructions to Clifton had been that the DCI was to see him whenever he wished, and that in periods when the DCI did not see him, he relied on Bundy and Clifton to stay on top of the intelligence. However, he was likely on occasion to ask them with no warning for "the latest intelligence." For this reason, the daily Checklist had to continue as the CIB was not suitable for the purpose. He recommended the Checklist be maintained for at least 60 days.
4. This led to a discussion in general terms of our review of the CIB and its relationship to the Checklist. General Clifton seemed receptive to our alternate proposal to extend Checklist dissemination by 6-8 individuals and suggested that we ask the President for his approval.
5. Clifton also suggested that we periodically include in the Checklist a special page "on green or blue bordered

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paper" which would be in effect an operational report.
He noted that State and JCS do this now.

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1. General Clifton called me this morning to tell me that "they" had been very pleased with the Checklist review. "They" had tried it on the President at breakfast this morning and it had "worked like a charm". "They" were never identified, but I gather from the subsequent conversation that he was referring to Moyers and Valenti.

2. Clifton said "they" want a review twice a week which we can deliver at our convenience in the evening. It will be given to the President at breakfast, Mr. Johnson having directed that either Moyers or Valenti be present at breakfast every morning. It was not clear from Clifton's remarks whether they plan for the President to read it himself or to read it to him.

3. Clifton left the selection of delivery dates to us. Monday and Thursday evenings appear the most logical.

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